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**To:** Larry Corte  
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Dear Mr. Corte:

By letter dated December 12, 2006, Western Nuclear, Inc. (WNI) submitted its 2007 updated surety amount to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff. This surety amount is an adjustment to the 2006 surety amount based on the Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers (CPI). WNI used the CPI values from October 2005 and September 2006 to calculate a new surety amount of \$12,438,645.

NRC staff calculated a new surety amount using the October 2005 CPI (199.2) and the September 2006 CPI (202.9). Our calculations indicate that the percent increase is 1.86 percent. Therefore, the new surety amount should be \$12,507,407. Please review your surety amount calculations, and either resubmit the 2007 surety amount or provide a justification for the amount presented in the December 12, 2006 letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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